

[WEB-BASED DOCUMENT SYSTEM]

Abstract of Disclosure

A web-based document approval system that enables users to create, review and approve documents and to communicate these documents to other parties. The system includes an approval function where the document being approved is stored to a central storage area. The central storage area cannot be modified or deleted by the users. Users are invited to review and approve the document and are provided a convenient hyperlink to the specific document. The system records the date and time that each user approved the document. A central storage area interfaces with a database. The database retrieves approver and approval information and prepares an approval log. The approval log may be in the form of an XML document that easily updates other database systems.

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